

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A method of treatment comprising administration of a medicament for treating climacteric and post menopausal distress, said medicament comprising A method for producing a vegetal plant extract by the steps of: (A) treating a solid plant material with an extraction agent to obtain an extraction liquid containing said extract dissolved in said extraction agent; (B) separating said extraction liquid from said solid plant material; and (C) concentrating said extraction liquid by at least partially removing said extraction agent to produce a concentrated extract; ~~Wherein~~ wherein said step (c) of concentrating said extraction liquid is effected in the presence of an effective amount of ~~pharmacologically acceptable an and physiologically inert solution mediator so as to substantially avoid loss of constituents of said extract liquid upon concentration thereof by an at least partial removal of said extraction agent, said solution mediator being~~ poly(vinylpyrrolidone); wherein said vegetal plant is *Cimicifuga racemose*; and wherein said medicament is capable of binding somatic as well as central nervous receptors.

2. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein said extraction agent is a polar substance and preferably a C<sub>1-4</sub> ~~alcohol~~ alkanol or a mixture or such ~~alcohol~~ alkanol with water.

3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein said ~~solution mediator~~ poly(vinylpyrrolidone) is an ~~organic polymer~~ capable of being colloiddally dispersible or soluble

in said extraction agent.

4. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 3 wherein said ~~organic polymer used as said solution mediator~~ poly(vinylpyrrolidone) has an average molecular mass of at least ~~about~~ 1000 Dalton units.

5-8. (Cancelled)

9. (Currently Amended) A medicament capable of substituting or complementing hormone replacement therapy, said medicament consisting at least in part of an extract obtained by concentration of an extract fluid from *Cimicifuga racemosa* in the presence of an effective amount of [[PVP]] poly(vinylpyrrolidone) as a solvent mediator.

10. (New) A method of treatment comprising administration of a medicament as a substitute or complement of a hormone replacement therapy, said medicament comprising producing a vegetal plant extract by the steps of: (A) treating a solid plant material with an extraction agent to obtain an extraction liquid containing said extract dissolved in said extraction agent; (B) separating said extraction liquid from said solid plant material; and (C) concentrating said extraction liquid by at least partially removing said extraction agent to produce a concentrated extract; wherein said step (c) of concentrating said extraction liquid is effected in the presence of an effective amount of poly(vinylpyrrolidone); and wherein said vegetal plant is *Cimicifuga racemosa*.

11. (New) The method of claim 10 wherein said extraction agent is a polar substance and preferably a C<sub>1-4</sub> alkanol or a mixture or such alkanol with water.

12. (New) The method of claim 10 wherein said poly(vinylpyrrolidone) is capable of being colloiddally dispersible or soluble in said extraction agent.

13. (New) The method of claim 3 wherein said poly(vinylpyrrolidone) has an average molecular mass of at least 1000 Dalton units.

14 (New) The method of claim 1 wherein said poly(vinylpyrrolidone) is present in an amount of about 5% to about 50% by weight of the final extract.

15 (New) The method of claim 10 wherein said poly(vinylpyrrolidone) is present in an amount of about 5% to about 50% by weight of the final extract.